

To the virtuous, free, and independent
Electors of Baltimore Town
Gentlemen,

AS the illuminative rays of Liberty have burst with such floods of glory over this highly favored land, whereby all unjust and arbitrary distinctions are laid aside, and being fully convinced that the citizens of this place possess catholic spirits, and liberal sentiments in an eminent degree, I am emboldened, with an humble reliance on their discernment and candor, to offer myself a candidate for your suffrages at the ensuing election, for a Representative for the Town of Baltimore

I conceive that justice and equity will excite you to choose one Man of Color to represent so many hundreds of poor Blacks as inhabit this town, as well as several thousands in the different parts of this state

I have never deserted my country's interest in the time of danger and distress; but have been a zealous patriot in the cause of liberty during the late struggle for freedom and independence, not fearing prison or death for my country's cause; and thanks to the Author of Life and Liberty, it is now established in spite of all internal as well as external Foes

I have already been honored with public offices and places of trust, which I have faithfully discharged according to law and the directions of the officers who appointed me, and I hope to the general satisfaction of my fellow-citizens.

Should I be so happy as to be the object of your choice, I promise to have all Tories and Anti's turned out of office, until they shew evident signs of repentance, and attachment to the new government, for the corpulency of my body shall be no clog to the exercise of my genius, and agility of my limbs, which shall be kept in perpetual motion for the good of the state.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your devoted humble servant,

THOMAS BROWN.

Baltimore, September 24, 1792